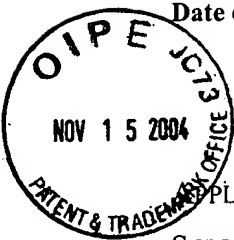


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the May 17, 2004 Office Action, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Response is due on or before November 17, 2004. A check in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 24200-002 CON). A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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